

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, October 16, 2006 at 4:30pm at the Riverside Skating Center.

Present at said meeting were Paula Woods, Mike Dana, Garnet Peck, Leon Trachtman, Karen Springer and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Lee Booth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, Cheryl Kolb, and Sue Mattern represented the department. Council members Ann Hunt and Gil Satterly were present. Absent was Council Member Gerry Keen.

Paula convened the Board at 4:35 pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the September 18 meeting. Karen motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Leon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Superintendent** – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing, which included an up-date on the Lincoln Park project. Purchase orders for the Lincoln Park playground equipment, shelter, benches, drinking fountain, trashcans, and bike rack have been issued through the CDBG Fund.

**Assistant Superintendent** – Pennie reported on the following:

Thanked the Board for letting her attend the NRPA Congress in Seattle and reminded them that next years congress will be in Indianapolis from September 25 to the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks** – Lee reported on the following:

- Noted inspections are available.
- Finished winterizing the pool.
- Finished installing a kiosk in Trailhead Park.
- A new viewing platform is almost finished in Celery Bog Nature Area.
- Starting to get the rink ready for the season.
- Getting the softball fields graded for better drainage.

**Recreation** – Chris reported on the following:

- Registration is underway for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball program.
- Has a meeting scheduled to discuss 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade basketball program and hopeful that we will be able to offer that program this fall.
- Working with RecTrac, our recreation software, getting ready for an up-grade in November.
- Applications are being accepted for the ice rink. A call out will be held on Wednesday.

**Morton Center** – Brenda reported on the following:

- The Morton Center registration total for the fall session as of today is 1,018 compared to last October's registration of 1,026, a decrease of less than 1 percent in enrollment.
- Art on the Wabash was very successful. Artists that participated and the many visitors seemed to really enjoy the event.
- She attended a Barnes & Noble educator's open house on Wednesday, October 4 to help spread the word on Morton classes.
- Saturday the yoga instructors offered free classes of yoga at Morton; we had approximately 40 people try the class – many of them new.

- The River Vineyard Church seems pleased with the rental arrangements; they had 70 people attend their services this past Sunday.
- WALLA's classes began today. They meet Monday through Thursday over the next four weeks. Over 200 people are enrolled in classes with 108 being enrolled in one of the classes, the Beautiful Wabash River Basin class.
- If the flu vaccine does arrive at the Health Department, a flu clinic will be held at Morton on Wednesday, November 8, 9 am until noon. Cost is \$15 or free if people have Medicare, part B coverage.

## **Old Business**

### **Midway Tree Planting**

Joe reported we have received a bid for the midway tree planting last week from CB Cooper Landscaping to do tree planting and shrub planting for a low quote of \$18,670. Trying to turn the area at the intersection of Northwestern and Sagamore, also 231 and 52, into a park-like area, similar to the area by State Farm.

### **Pool Area Planning**

Joe asked John to give the Board a quick background. John stated that there had been discussion two years ago regarding the pool in regards to what we are going to do. Still some concerns about safety and about what is being developed at Happy Hollow and how it affects the schools. Chris and Pennie are working on addressing the safety issues. They would like to add bollards and/or paint a cross walk from the area by the front tennis courts to the pool entrance and add a curb cut for accessibility. It was suggested that the cross walk be painted the whole way and maybe add footprints to the cross walk. We are also looking to add additional deck on the east and north side of the pool.

## **New Business**

### **BPR 3-06**

Joe requested moving funds from the salary-pool personnel to accounts for gasoline, tires & tubes and contract services for a total of \$10,000. \$6,000 for gasoline, \$1,000 tires & tubes and \$3,000 for contract services. Leon motioned to approve the transfer. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **West Lafayette School Board** – Karen reported on the following:

- Their regular October meeting a representative from Little League came and the Board approved up-grades they will be doing to the Little League field in preparation for next summer's hosting of the Little League State Tournament. They are planning to build a new concession stand and new press boxes at the FOP field and girl's softball field.
- Red Storm met with the school board and they approved a contract for use of Burtsfield gym; she stated that it was clarified to them that they would be below West Lafayette Parks & Recreation in priority use of the facility.
- They are searching for a new Superintendent. They are asking for input from community members and stakeholders (students, staff, and faculty) about criteria for the new superintendent. They are going to have a posting on-line; you can fill out a survey on-line between October 25 through November 20. The parent councils from the three schools will be hosting a community forum meeting. First one will be Tuesday, October 24 at Cumberland; Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at Happy Hollow and Tuesday, November 14 at Jr./Sr. High School; all at 7 pm.

-The teacher's contract expired in 2005, however under Indiana Law the current contract remains in force. They are still operating under a contract; negotiations were on going last year and will continue to be on going. They hope for a resolution soon.

### **Wabash River**

Paula mentioned that there is an exhibit of 15 paintings at the West Lafayette Library dealing with the Wabash River. There will be a meeting on October 23, which is open to the public, at the Extension Office at 6:30 pm, to up date planning activities currently underway, review a draft of the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation Strategic Plan, and ask for input from other river organizations. They are going to begin the process to coordinate and seek involvement of river related organizations to move the project forward. Another meeting will be held on November 4 at Shively Pavilion Press Box, Purdue Campus (at Ross-Ade Stadium); this one is not open to the public (but to members of the Park Board).

Joe attended that last WREC board meeting; it was mostly discussing the upcoming meetings, the on-going study with the Corp of Engineers, and the final draft of the Strategic Plan.

Paula mentioned that several Park Board staff members and Ann got to go on the river with John Galloway courtesy of the Convention and Visitors Bureau; it was very enjoyable.

### **Other**

### **Sculpture**

Discussion on the Park Board interest in the potential sculptures that might be available on a lease basis or lease purchase opportunities for the Park Foundation if they were able to find the funds. A sculpture would be put in the large concrete circle at the North end of the Wabash Heritage Trail by Williamsburg and Quincy, Wabash pond sight. Joe distributed copies of potential sculptures that are available. Joe proposed that we continue to work with the University Visual Arts Committee. They are all priced about the same, between \$1500 and \$2500 to lease per year, with a purchase option. We still have dedicated funds available, about \$30,000 in the Wabash Fund.

### **Morton Dance**

Paula and Ann Hunt received a letter from Julie Patoskie concerning Morton dance classes. Paula passed around her copy of the letter.

### **Purchase Orders**

N/A

### **Pay Claims**

Mike motioned for claims to be paid. Leon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary